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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING FIREARM
DURING DRUG TRAFFICKING CRIME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal firearms laws. The sentencing marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Carlos L. Hughley, 19, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 5, 2003, **Hughley** pleaded guilty to illegally possessing a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a .32 caliber revolver on May 19, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is present during a drug trafficking crime to be in possession of a firearm.

Hughley was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on May 22, 2003. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment, which was returned by a federal grand jury on June 10, 2003.

Hughley was arrested following a crack cocaine transaction, Graves said.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal

prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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